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AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Add at the end of subtitle G of title X the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 10____. SENSE OF CONGRESS HONORING THE DOVER**
2 **AIR FORCE BASE, DELAWARE, HOME TO THE**
3 **436TH AIRLIFT WING, THE 512TH AIRLIFT**
4 **WING, AND THE CHARLES C. CARSON CENTER**
5 **FOR MORTUARY AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

7 (1) The Dover Air Force Base is home to more
8 than 4,000 active-duty military and civilian employ-
9 ees tasked with defending the United States of
10 America.

11 (2) The Dover Air Force Base supports the
12 mission of the th Airlift Wing, known as “Eagle
13 Wing” and the 512th Airlift Wing, known as “Lib-
14 erty Wing”.

15 (3) The “Eagle Wing” serves as a unit of the
16 Eighteenth Air Force headquartered with the Air

1 Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base in Illi-
2 nois. (4)

3 (4) The “Eagle Wing” flies hundreds of mis-
4 sions throughout the world, provides a quarter of the
5 United States’ strategic airlift capability, and boasts
6 a global reach to over 100 countries around the
7 world.

8 (5) The Dover Air Force Base hosts incredible
9 aircrews and aircraft utilized by the United States
10 Air Force, including the C-5M Super Galaxy and C-
11 17A Globemaster III aircraft.

12 (6) The recent Afghanistan airlift is testament
13 to the dedication and readiness of the Dover Air
14 Force Base aircrews and their aircraft.

15 (7) The Dover Air Force Base operates the
16 largest and busiest air freight terminal in the De-
17 partment of Defense, fulfilling an important role in
18 our Nation’s military.

19 (8) The Air Mobility Command Museum is lo-
20 cated on the Dover Air Force base and welcomes
21 thousands of visitors each year to learn more about
22 the United States Air Force.

23 (9) The Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary
24 Affairs fulfills our Nation’s sacred commitment of

1 ensuring dignity, honor, and respect to the fallen
2 and care service and support to their families.

3 (10) The recent events in Afghanistan brought
4 to the fore of public awareness the work of the serv-
5 ice members and staff of the Center for Mortuary
6 Affairs.

7 (11) While the recent tragedy that befell our
8 heroes in Afghanistan was the most recent dignified
9 transfer, it is important to not forget that the Cen-
10 ter for Mortuary Affairs conducts on [average
11 X]dignified transfers every year.

12 (12) This sacred mission has been entrusted to
13 Dover Air Force Base since 1955 and the Center is
14 currently the only Department of Defense mortuary
15 in the continental United States.

16 (13) Service members who serve at the Center
17 for Mortuary Affairs are often so moved by their
18 work that they voluntarily elect to serve multiple
19 tours because they feel called to serve our fallen he-
20 roes.

21 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
22 Congress that the people of the United States should—

23 (1) honor and express sincerest gratitude to the
24 women and men of the Dover Air Force Base for
25 their distinguished service;

1 (2) acknowledge the incredible sacrifice and
2 service of the families of active-duty members of the
3 United States military;

4 (3) keep in their thoughts and their prayers the
5 women and men of the United States Armed Forces;
6 and

7 (4) recognize the incredibly unique and impor-
8 tant work of the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Oper-
9 ations and the role they play in honoring our fallen
10 heroes.

